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FM AMEMBASSY ACCRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5946

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV GH

SUBJ: OPIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

REF: (A) STATE 278085 (B) ACCRA 7101 (C) STATE 281334

1. EMBASSY CONTACTING MFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TO MAKE DELIVERY

OF DUPLICATE AWARD.

2. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF DUPLICATE
(REF B), IT MAY BE WORTHWHILE TO DETAIL WHAT HAPPENDED TO
THE AWARD AFTER IT REACHED ACCRA.

3. WE HAD ASSUMED AWARD BEING AIR POUCHED ON STATED FLIGHT,
NOT AIR FREIGHT -- OF COURSE, WE HAD HAD NO
INDICTION OF SIZE OF AWARD, AND FACT THAT IT TOO BIG FOR POUCH.

4. COUNTRY TEAM HAD CONSULTED AND CONCURRED THAT MATTER NOT
URGENT SINCE AWARD NOT TO BE PRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR -- AND
WE WERE LED TO BELIEVE THAT THE REAL "DUPLICATE" WOULD BE/HAD
BEEN PHYSICALLY ACCEPTED IN WASHINGTON BY AMBASSADOR QUARM.

5. FSL ADJAVIE NOT RPT NOT NOTIFIED BY PANAM DEC. 6 AS
CLAIMED BY PANAM (REF A), SINCE ON THAT DATE HE HAD NOT YET
TAKEN OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLEARING AIR SHIPMENTS-- HE DID
NOT DO SO UNTIL FOLLOWING WEEK. FYI, PANAM HERE NOTORIOUS IN
CLAIMING IGNORANCE OF ARRIVED SHIPMENTS EVEN WHEN SPECIFICALLY
QUERIED. END FYI.

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6. WHEN ADJAVIE NOTIFIED WEEK OF DEC 9 THAT "ONE WORLD GLOBE"

ADDRESSED TO DCM HANSON BY NAME HAD ARRIVED, ALL ASSUMED THAT

IT WAS AN AWAITED XMAS GIFT, AND ROUTINE MFA CLEARANCE WAS REQUESTED.

7. EMBASSY THEN RECEIVED SMALL BOX BY POUCH WHICH CONTAINED REPLACEMENT NAMEPLATE, AND FROM WHICH WE ASSUMED AWARD ITSELF HAD BEEN MISTAKENLY OMITTED.

8. AS IT HAPPENED, STATE 275801 GIVING AWB NUMBER AND CUSTOMS RELEASE FROM MFA ARRIVED SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND ITEM CLEARED WITHIN HOURS.
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